- Brian Edwards

2025

1.

Waking up
to the grey skies
what's even left
to recognize
it all was so changed
it all was
so compromised
now in the night
only plenty of darkness
can conceal it all
waking up
to that feeling
like I'm a stranger
out of place
what have we
got figured out
anything .... or do we
keep being dragged slowly
to the cliff ahead
only time can mend
and only time
can unravel
in this curious way
the night is long here
and how these vines
have risen
devouring our memories
if we could go back
we would
yet that ship sailed
now we simply
carry on
with a strange kind
of feeling
and only
so much endurance

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2.

Well I never
imagined it happening
I never imagined
how far
down this road
I'd be listening
to such melodies
in the summer breeze
though I knew
I couldn't stay
I always knew
some how
that I'd be
pulled away
it doesn't take
a magic trick
or an oracle
on a mountain afar
I should have
trusted my own visions
yet you never know
when you need to
now I'm out here
far down this road
in a field of mist
in this mist
I find the lost memories
in the mist
they shine on
out of place
in a world
of so much illusion
out of place
in a world
where so much
gravitates
towards a reckoning

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3.

Today wasn't
a good one
I was hearing
the bad news
from all sides
that's the thing
they never realized
I'm a prisoner
in my own mind
though I can
walk about
in a Sunny day
though I can
go freely
out about the night
I'm a prisoner
in my own mind
you see
so in that sense
I'm not exactly free
sometimes your jailer
is someone unseen
right beside you
all that talk
all that talk
is it's own kind
of prison wall
and that's how it is
for me you see
even though
I can go wandering
in the rain
if I wish it so

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4.

Heading down
the road
to this place
of the Sunrise
here in this
Jersey morning
the sky's aflame
with dawn's arrival
there I go
hoping to disappear
into the light
the world's getting
a little colder
winter's around
the bend
yesterday
was a carnival
of thorns
today will be
a dance
of the serpents
and they'll call out
for more
I didn't get
to see much
though I was
never one
to seize my chances
living in a dream
is all I want
a dream
a place
where it's always
the hour
of the Sunrise

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5.

Maybe they think
I'm just too crazy
I guess that's true
but look around you
the crows are gathering
in the fields
something about
the last twilight
left an impression
in my soul
maybe I am
a little too crazy
yet if I wasn't
how would I know
as the waves
reach the shore
in this early light
there's candles out there
still burning
that were glowing
through the night
and I've been through
many a storm
out there
and many a storm
within
just got to
turn into the wind
sometimes
go straight
into the storm
to make it through

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6.

It's time
to get moving along
though for myself
I wouldn't
wish it so
the dreariness
in those buildings
awaits
they say I've got to
pay the man
though I wouldn't
wish it so
as the moments fade
like ashes
in the wind
not many of us
can see the light
of tomorrow yet
we only see the irony
and destiny's grin
and the hourglass
does not lie of course
somewhere
there's a wind blowing
that carries a tune
I once knew so well
so long ago

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- 9/23/2025

7.

Looking the wrong way
when I thought
it was right
just sitting here alone
on another September night
spent all day
at work
I'll spend all of
tomorrow there to
the days
turn into years
how the sands of time
are blown along
in the wind
of an era
in the wind
of an age
I know I can't go back
though I spend
some days
wishing that I could
looking at these
old photographs
I find myself
drifting back
on another
September night
as the streetlights
are glowing
as an old cat
out on the sidewalk
is waiting patiently
for the Full Moon to rise

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8.

Realizing
it was only
a daydream
how I so often
lose myself in those
this morning
that old road
I know so well
seems like the way
to get to
the Elysian Fields
last night
I was marooned
on an island
this morning
I washed ashore
on some different beach
finding that
the hourglass
was still following me
all I could do
was look to
the morning Sun
hoping to feel
hoping to feel
really mesmerized
if only for a moment
I was just hoping
to be taken back
to that time
and place
before I ever knew
what the world
could truly be

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9.

Planted like
a seed
in the garden
of time
awakening
in a world
of enchanted vines
and I don't believe
I know
my own place
in it all
anymore
I drift through
so many nights
looking for
Orion's stars
and I'm not sure
if I'm truly
moving forward
or if I'm being
pulled back
into the great shadow
I see the eyes
of ravens
glowing in the darkness
if I follow them
where will
it bring me to
I ponder this
under the ancient heavens

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10.

There's a gloom
that hangs heavy
over the land
I don't know
where it came from
or when it began
I don't recall
how it started
I just recall
how it felt before
it takes
a little more
out of you
at a time
and it always
comes back for more
I don't know
how we beat it back
it's like some kind
of subliminal
devilish attack
you can feel it
when you wake up
and you sense it
as you fall asleep
a lingering feeling
like it's all
sinking down
into the deep
and I pray
a brighter path
will appear
to us all
so that we may rise
from these shadows
and not be taken down
by the fall

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- 9/24/2025

11.

Night colliding
with day
brings a lot
of that sacred fire
to the sky
moving along
like I know I must
eastward
there is glowing
that bright morning
yet to be
and I'll be
moving along
moving along
on the ocean's wind
blow out those candles
move those curtains aside
let the Sunshine
fill your solitude
let that Sunshine
fill your eyes
knowing when to speak
to the old grandfather
of time
calling upon
that old fire
of the morning Sun
we'll sing our dreams
we'll sing our dreams
sing at dawn

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12.

Carry me away
to Egypt
down that old
river Nile of a dream
I wish to see
the stars
shining over
the pyramids
I wish to see them
like diamonds
in the sea
carry me away
to Athens
that I may behold
the old philosopher's
lantern light
he's still searching
for an honest soul
across the ancient
starry night
carry me away
to Babylon's gardens
carry me away
to that Colossus
at Rhodes
bring me to
the Temple of Artemis
where now
the tall grass grows

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- 9/26/2025

13.

Sundown
a day is done
the Moon is rising
over this old
empty field
shot about
a dozen arrows
at a dark cloud
wasn't meaning
to hit a thing
yet the dark cloud
let forth
a rain of old
and washed away
all the sorrows
that had lingered
for so long
now the sky
is grey
and the flowers
grow still
and we're just
casting memories
out into the night
like fireflies
they glow
quick and bright
then fade away

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- 9/26/2025

14.

Give me an island
far away
from it all
and I'll be going
don't have
much fight left
in me
don't want to
argue anymore
don't want to
go on about
who is right
and who is wrong
just give me
an island
of palm trees
and sand
and I'll be
as happy
as a man
could ever be
I've heard all
the insults
and I've heard
all the gripes
but I won't
hear them anymore
in the starry
tropical night
far away
from it all
I'll be in my exile
with a smile

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- 9/27/2025

15.

It's all confusing
as hell
some things
I hear on the news
how some cycles
just go on and on
some storms
just pass on through
while some stay fed
by all the bitterness
and rage
haven't we seen this
all before
don't we recognize
the wheel
that rolls
over us now
let's place some trust
in the collective
memory
let's place some trust
in things we've seen
let us look to
the Sunrise
of so many tomorrows
let us embrace
the wind of peace
let us look
to the old
weathervane
let us wander
the trembling Earth
proclaiming
the wind of peace

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- 9/27/2025

16.

Let this not be
a time of things
in vain
let this be
a time
when we change it all
let us bring down
some magic
from where
the stars glow
so bright
let us move
like a dream
floating down
a river
a little bit
of glaring light
a little bit
of the celestial
and the immaculate
the time ahead
is a time
unwritten
let us move
this wondrous
dream along
let's go looking
for dawn's
first light
over the tree line
let us bring back
some flowers
from the valley
of the Moon

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- 9/28/2025

Wouldn't I believe it
wouldn't I
see it through
well I don't know
what about
all that vision
that you say
you hold within
on a stormy night
not so long ago
in an instant
of a lightning flash
I saw the world
that was always
kept hidden
from these eyes
it was then I knew
and did surmise
I'm a wanderer
wandering
in a strange land
so long
I'm still
a stranger
to these old
familiar streets
and even if
I'm losing again
it won't leave me
without a smile
once I see
the pine trees again
I'll be lifted
lifted like
a hawk above

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- 9/28/2025

18.

Send me to
that city
where the music
flows like water
I want to hear
the essence in song
of those
bygone generations
bring me to
that avenue
where so much
happened
so long ago
I beheld a phoenix
rising
above the clouds
and time carries on
like a flowing stream
so many memories
of when
I wandered through
the desert
I see it all
in my dreams now
every day
seems half real
half illusion
and won't you
walk with me
down that path
of stone
to that castle
that is ours
by our sweat
and tears
and all the memories
we've made
across the sea
of so many years

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- 9/28/2025

19.

Yes sometimes
these old
marbles within
start to bounce
around and fall
they say I haven't
talked much sense
since back
in fifteen
but let them walk
a day in my shoes
they say I didn't
do some things right
yet they can't say
that I did
everything wrong
we'll build up
big radios
that can reach
out to eternity
and what a lovely
Sunrise it was
and you know
there's a Sunrise
happening
right this moment
on many
a different world
I've always seen things
the way that
I see them
and I keep on
moving down
this road of time
until I reach
that brighter sky
until I hear
that sweet music
in the sky

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- 9/28/2025

This so-called
civilization
will try and take
the Sunshine
away from you
be warned
and I know
that there is
piano music
that can be heard
from the Moon
trust in
your own soul
to find it
on the radio dial
or you may seek
to hear the whispers
from the meadows
and drink some wine
if you
are up for it
I am no longer
able to
I spent
too many nights
out in the forest
with a lantern
drinking to escape
civilization
wishing to create
a sanctuary in time
all for myself

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- 9/28/2025

21.

I have been
in search of something
that had arisen
from the sea
so many things
have I been
waiting to find
when I see
the first light
of day
I often ponder
how common it is
for salvation
to be a real thing
as we go about
between silent rooms
and noisy streets
as we pluck the flower
as we blow out
the candle
as we look
to the horizon
and as we look
beyond it

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- 9/29/2025

22.

I have seen
so much of recent
crumble
giving some dust back
to the wind
of time
I have seen so much
take a place
among the ruins
that span
so many centuries
what are we
to believe in
when nothing
is realized
as sacred anymore
have we found
a true and radiant
destiny
only to lose it
in a fog
that hugs
our coastline
I have seen
truth bestowed
and simply ignored
I have seen
a long night descend
and so I do
once more

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- 9/30/2025

23.

I see you there
born of harsh wind
I have known
your eyes before
they are lovely
with a strange energy
yet cold as the sea
I did love you once
yet you shattered me
and though
we were young
my soul shall
keep this scar
for all eternity

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- 9/30/2025

24.

I shall gather
an armada
of sinister bats
and we shall fly
in the dark wind
together
we shall take on
a shadowy form
greater than
any one of us alone
by the sight of us
in the sky
we shall appear
most sinister
we shall fly above
and over
the cornstalks
the pumpkin patch
we shall fly over
the windmill
and the Sundial

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- 9/30/2025

25.

Take this dream
of mine
and return it
to the soil
it was of
little use
it served
no significant
purpose
in this time
the sight
of such a dream
was no longer
even recognizable
to so many
they could see only
coins and
imagined gold
return my dream
to the soil
from the Earth
did it rise
so back to
the Earth
may it return
it was not
sought after
in this time
as is sadly
the circumstance
with many a dream
the hour is late
the tide recedes
and the rooster
awakens

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- 9/30/2025

Let us go forth
let us gather
let us seek
the true wind
let us shed
this false essence
that is only illusion
let us listen
and hear
the songs of the stars
once more
let us behold
something imagined
and formed
of crystalline flame
let us bring light
to dark castles
and dark ruins
let us go forth
to that great
mountaintop
and speak
to all the galaxy

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- 9/30/2025

27.

I cannot laugh
as I once
did laugh
for this is
no time
of laughter
how we have
returned again
to where
we've already
been before
how I can
see now
what so many others
have already seen
in the past
in the days
that have
gone before
how I have
seen some things
that seem
to follow us
like a shadow
across time

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- 10/2/2025

28.

I must jump
into the abyss
of another day
I must behold
the grey
of the sky
and feel it
within my soul
going down streets
that could
tell you a story
I wish it were so
or I wish that
it wasn't
it doesn't matter
to the crow
on the telephone wire
it doesn't matter
to the hawk above
looking in
all directions
we will see Mars
yes.... we will see
Mars rising
after the Sun sets
after the constellations
that the ancients knew
have risen
we shall see Mars
up there in the heavens
red ..... like a ball
of dream-fire

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- 10/3/2025

I didn't realize
at first
that anything
was even amiss
I was off
in my own
little world
somewhere
and that's how
I like it
I dream
of something
a place
a time
and I can
bring myself there
in a sense
I can keep away
from the world
all around me
be content
with an imagined world
I can call upon
the Sun
the Moon
and the stars
anytime I wish

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- 10/5/2025

30.

I took
a wrong turn
didn't I
it's so easy
to do anymore
with so many
roads that lead
to nowhere
as soon as
I walk out
my door
the crows
are there
time clocks
do tell us
of the bitter things
they talk of
an oasis out there
but I don't believe
it ever was
I feel the silence
in that
pre-dawn moment
eternity
was there
or at least
I believed it was

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- 10/5/2025

31.

It's a strange
kind of recollection
the ones
that take you back
to where
you can recall
a different time
a different place
so vividly
just sitting there
staring
out the window
what I see
is a scene
of the past
nights of Moonlight
and so
little worries
those were the days
the days
I can never forget
yet that I
can never
return to
those were the days
when the hourglass
seemed only
an illusion
and now
too many of
these days to me
seem hollow
and too many nights
seemed filled
with solitude

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- 10/4/2025

32.

The sea
calls me back
yet I cannot go
not just yet
the mad
and pointless
dances of the world
obstruct my path
I fear that I
am caught up
in this vertigo
for seeing things
a certain way
how I have spoken
that truth
around here
is like a desert wind
it scatters
the sands afar
toward
distant horizons

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-10/4/2025

33. LEFT OFF

Here we are
just the way
we are
here we are
recollecting
those by gone days
shaking our heads
at all
the misguided ways
now we know
a little more
time keeps
its own oasis
hidden
until we find it
I seem to recall
so many nights
when the stars
were brightest
when the Moon
was a place
where our dreams
awaited

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- 10/5/2025

34.

Now I am here
a morning
I never imagined
I'd see
I am here
breathing
the morning air
as a mist clings
to the Pine trees
the many roads
I've travelled
have brought me
to this quiet place
the quiet
there is something
about it here
immortality
but for the sound
of a singing bird
there is absolute
quiet and beauty
natural beauty
that could fill
a thousand dreams

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- 10/6/2025

35.

Here I am
I've returned
from an
imagined place
a little chateau
I've made
in my thoughts
a little villa I keep
by a river
where I dream
dreams that
span across time
with every
beautiful Sunrise
I ascend
to a higher plane
at night
I hear the music
of enchanting violins
from the stars

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- 10/6/2025

36.

Now pondering
by the light
of a Moon halo
brightest
of them all
and I'm hoping
awaiting patiently
to feel
the changing wind
let your eyes
see now
what they could not
see before
I remember
back when
it all seemed
like an eternal mirage
and now
I'm here pondering
listening to
the music
of the spheres
the music
of Andromeda
the music of
a million years ago
on a journey
across the heavens

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- 10/6/2025

37.

Well I'm
building up
a mean despair
from breathing all
this gloomy
intrenchant air
if I check out
the news
it gets a lot worse
seeing it go around
in circles
like a spinning wheel
born of
the history books
let us look
for the road
we never thought
could exist
let us look for
Venus de Milo
in the morning mist

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-10/6/2025

38.

What seems upright
in this reality
is upside down
what seems like
a pillar of stone
is actually salt
at six
in the morning
listening into
the stratosphere
a galactic horizon
above the forest
of pine and light
the essence
of a hidden splendor
the wind
upon which
a feather
is carried far

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- 10/6/2025

39.

And so
I'm wishing
and wanting
for a change
to occur
so much anymore
has given itself
over to
the tedious
the mundane
the words
that echo
from teleprompters
so much
has grown thorns
that were
never there before
and how I do
still wish
to behold
the illumination
of stars
how I do
still wish
to behold
the nebula cloud
I would miss them
if I were ever
forced to leave
this land
of the quiet whisper

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- 10/7/2025

40.

How dark
how dark
it has all become
yet I find myself
moving
in the direction
of a light
that can be seen
far away
yet clearly visible
there upon
the horizon
across the dark plateau
despite it all
I will keep moving
towards
this mysterious
and enchanting light
that is there
before us
for all to behold
for all to feel
some spark
of wonder
within them

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- 10/7/2025

41.

The rains are
falling
it is early
no light
brought into
the world
just yet
if you listen
if you listen
closely
you may realize
the falling rain
has something
to tell you
the sound
of every drop
at its journey's end
a sound
a music
brought down
from the sky
where above
the dawn approaches

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- 10/8/2025

42.

You know
you'll find me
in a cloud
I wouldn't have it
any other way
today
seen too much
of the mundane
all around
decided I needed
a rest high up
in the clouds
the Sunlight
shining through
I can see
the stairway
to eternity
decided I needed
to step away
to go up and see
the birth
of a new day

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- 10/8/2025

43.

Something like
a little fog
can create
an entire labyrinth
we hear names
whispered
in the wind
we see the stars
fading
as dawn approaches
out here
it's a different world
than the one
out there
two Moons
seem to rise
yet one is merely
a reflection
upon water
dream that
eternal dream
for wisdom
time reveals
its favor
every now and again
they said that
I had such a vision
I tell you truthfully
it's only now
they're starting
to realize

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- 10/9/2025

Living under
these streetlights
this quiet
Jersey night
my old hometown
how it stays
in my memory
I'm still around
but it's just not
the same
the tides of time
have eroded
some idealism
in me
yet here we are
once again
you and I
under the streetlights
under the stars
of this New Jersey sky

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- 10/9/2025

I'm not so sure
we'll get
to see it all
yet when those
visions appear
before us
we'll know
we've reached
our very own
promised land
it took us
a ling time
it took us
so many years
yet here we are
down by the sea
listening as the waves
crash against
the pier
here we are
back where
we started
here we are
back where
the Moon
can enchant us
so easily
we'll always
have a place
in this world
that is magic
to us
down by the sea
when the stars
are shining

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- 10/9/2025

46.

Out in
that morning field
there's a Sunflower
giving off
the truest light
somebody somewhere
imagined something
of the sort
and here it is
now confusion
spreads through
the world
like some shrill vapor
yet this Sunflower
out in
the morning field
gives us
enough light to see

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- 10/9/2025

47.

I've been waiting
for a city light
to guide me
away from
a desperate plight
I've seen
those ravens
in the air
flying in
the blue .... blue
realm of the sky
that look
in their eyes
they've been
to Delphi
they know
that something
is true
they've got
something to reveal
the Moonlight
will tell us
something
if we know
how to look
conjuring up
a Victorian Era dream
I know it all
seems so surreal
yet here we are
in a world
that's so full of it

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- 10/10/2025

48.

Under starry heavens
we moved forth
by night
towards some great
palace of
the north
made all of ice
some don't believe
that such
places exist
yet if you
hang up
your disbelief
for awhile
the dreamworld's
got something
to share
a frozen jewel
a frozen oasis
where it's day
at night
and night
when it's day
let's nit think much
upon all of
these trivial things
let us just keep on
moving towards
the palace
of the Ice Queen

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- 10/10/2025

49.

Serenity
is an old song
I once knew
we haven't
heard it in awhile
around these parts
moving up
the trail
towards a lake
and a dream
up to where
reflection
is always real
in the water
of memory
moving along
in this
quiet forest
while out there
the world seems
like its choking
on its own
complexity
I've been
a rogue before
back when
I couldn't bother
to conform
they made it easy
for you these days
to keep
carrying around
a bandit's hope

***

- 10/10/2025

50.

I see a new dream
awaiting me
I see an island
of clouds
out there
in that patch
of sky
I ask forgiveness
of ravens
not really
knowing why
how I see
this new dream
beyond
the ordinary light
give us
this flower
of the Moon
now I can
see it all
I hear the violins
the pieces
fall into place
another day
brings forth
the grace
we've sought after
all along

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51.

They're just looking
for us
to make a mistake
all the playing cards
with moving eyes
in this palace
and all the others
under the sky
the Queen especially
has a mean streak
you know
now sometimes
each new day
yields a new advantage
I can feel
the distant wind
the tundra's kiss
a shroud of darkness
has lifted
from the desert
of the morning

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Feeling all this
radiance
from the sky
life's like
a movie sometimes
knowing there's
so many ways
I could be fooled
and destiny
once foreshadowed
a thing to me
soon I'll be
moving along
on the path
to my
stained glass
vision
to conceptualize
to recognize
to remember
for all of time
I have these visions
as the vines
keep growing
as an orchestra plays
upon a lunar tide
I'll be out to sea
in a few weeks time
heading east
to a jewel
of a place
on the Portuguese
coastline

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53.

You gave me
fair warning
I gave you
no kind
of surprise
you saw
the vultures
were circling
I didn't realize
what it all meant
you left
all the pieces
scattered about
that's just how
it goes
thinking alone
these same old lines
I've got all eternity
to trend to
these roses
I suppose

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54.

We seek
an enlightened wind
do we not
down long roads
once of dirt
now of asphalt
some of what
was imagined
way back when
has returned
upon the clouds
and so I have
sought after
that very moment
of epiphany
so I observe
the direction
in which
the birds
are flying
give us
those momentary
daydreams
Athena... Hera
or Persephone
bring to us
the lantern
that lights the way

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55.

I move among
the fallen stars
I light a candle
that shall be
blown out
by the wind
I've walked
and walked
for over
a thousand centuries
it seems
every now and again
I think I'll see
the path
to a dreamworld
appear before my eyes
there on
a mountaintop
or a western desert
I move along
across time's plateau
when the stars
are falling
we give our wishes
to the night

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Remember us
down through
the years
we who got lost
in the cycle
of tears
once our daydreams
were taken
by the shadow
remember us
we who would
have wished
to imagine more
when the night
is full of candles
when the night sky
is full of
a northern glow
remember us
down through
the centuries
that lie ahead

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57.

In the valley
of the red rose
things have gotten
very wild
out on
that sandy beach
in Ocean City
in the Moonlight
I hear whispers
from another world
they speak
across the stars
as do I
out on the plateau
where rain
is always
a welcomed stranger
the grass
sways in the wind
where words of destiny
are spoken

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58.

Let's go steal
a little Moonlight
it's never a crime
if your intentions
are true
let's keep moving
down the line
lets go and find
that awakening
of the soul
that the land
can give to thee
I was once
marooned
on an island
far out to sea
a shipwreck
was my fate
yet the currents
brought me ashore
it was a year
before they
found me
this was back
in eighteen
and thirty four
when I had returned
they didn't
recognize me
so a new life
I made for myself
as I went
wandering west
towards
a golden dream

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59.

Out on
a bad road
in the worst year
I can recall
just wanted
to find a place
to disappear
from it all
went out
to the Pines
to a little
spot where
the Batona bends
I went out there
at Sunrise
that was the time
when everything
felt the most real
I found out there
a threshold
to the stars
and the eternal
cosmic sea
I would close
my eyes
and open them
to find
an ancient city
radiant
in the light
of dawn

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60.

I have an old
vision that
I cling to
imagination
can change reality
I've discovered this
on my own
sometimes
I awaken
under stars
that were
never seen before
sometimes
I walk along
the shore
and I listen
to the waves
speaking
of memory
beyond the horizon
sometimes I journey
across an expanse
of reflection
being awake inside
of a dreamworld

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